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TUNGSTEN, IPC

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FOR EB/ISM: LENAHAN

1. COPPER: DISCUSSIONS ON COPPER ARE PRESENTLY IN SUCH A
STATE OF DISARRAY THE DELEGATION IS SENDING ONLY A BRIEF
UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS WITH FULL REPORT TO BE SENT AS SOON
AS WE HAVE TEXTS OF G-77 PROPOSALS. G-77 CIRCULATED THE
FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION THURSDAY MORNING: QTE THE TRADE
AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD DECIDES TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF
THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT IN PREPARING A DRAFT WITH THE BASIC
ELEMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL COPPER AGREEMENT, WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES,
CONTAINING: THE OBJECTIVES OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT; AND
MEASURES FOR THE STABILIZATION OF THE COPPER MARKET. END
QUOTE. AT CLOSE OF INFORMAL GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THURSDAY,
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PERU CIRCULATED FOLLOWING TEXT: QTE THE TRADE AND DEVELOP-
MENT BOARD DECIDES TO CONVENE A FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING
ON COPPER, FROM THE 9TH TO THE 13TH OF OCTOBER 1978, WITH
THE MANDATE TO PREPARE THE BASIS OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREE-
MENT FOR THE STABILIZATION OF THE COPPER MARKET AND TO
RECOMMEND OTHER RELATED MEASURES. THE BOARD FURTHER
DECIDES TO MEET AGAIN AFTER THE FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING

ON COPPER, IN TIME TO TAKE THE ACTIONS WHICH IT MIGHT DEEM APPROPRIATE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 33 SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END QTE.

2. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER G-77 SUPPORTS BOTH OF THESE TEXTS AND WHETHER THEY WILL MAKE A SEPARATE PROPOSAL REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COPPER BODY WITHIN UNCTAD. UNTIL THESE POINTS, PARTICULARLY THE LATTER ONE, ARE CLARIFIED, GROUP B IS TAKING NO FURTHER STEPS SINCE G-77 POSITION ON WHETHER TO PUSH TDB TO DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF BODY WILL BE A DETERMINING FACTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUP B RESPONSE. GROUP B PRELIMINARY POSITION ON PERUVIAN TEXT IS TO DELETE THE PART OF FIRST SENTENCE DEALING WITH MANDATE AND INSERT INTO SECOND SENTENCE IDEA OF TDB MEETING IF AND ONLY IF ANY AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING REQUIRES IT. ANOTHER IDEA INTRODUCED BY SWITZERLAND IS THAT IF IT APPEARS AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF COPPER BODY WITHIN UNCTAD, PERHAPS GROUP B SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE AND DECLARE THE IDEA DEAD, PROPOSING INSTEAD THAT FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING ITSELF TAKE UP THREE TASKS ORIGINALLY TO BE GIVEN TO A COPPER BODY. AS INDICATED ABOVE, HOWEVER, MUCH OF THIS IS SIMPLY EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES UNTIL G-77 VIEWS ARE SORTED OUT.

3. TUNGSTEN RESOLUTION: AUSTRALIA HAS ADVISED US THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICO WILL SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO THE FULL PLENARY CALLING FOR A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON TUNGSTEN NO LATER THAN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1979. SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE ASKED TO HOLD WHATEVER PREPARATORY MEETINGS ARE NECESSARY LEADING UP TO THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE. AUSTRALIA HAS INDICATED IT BELIEVES ALL PRODUCERS INCLUDING AUSTRALIA WILL SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. CANADIAN SOURCES ADVISE US THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT AUSTRALIA WILL ABSTAIN IF SOME IMPORTANT PRODUCER OTHER THAN CANADA IS PREPARED TO ABSTAIN OR VOTE NO. WE HAVE URGED UK, FRG, JAPANESE AND SWEDISH DELS TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE DEALING WITH THIS RESOLUTION UNTIL LATE NEXT WEEK.

4. IPC: WE ARE ALSO EXPECTING A RESOLUTION BY THE G-77 REGARDING THE IPC WITH THE TEXT AVAILABLE BY SOME TIME MONDAY. WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE AT THIS TIME THAT IT IS LIKELY TO INCLUDE BEEFING UP OF THE ROLE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE PLUS COVERING MANY OF THOSE ISSUES MENTIONED BY THE G-77 DURING THE JULY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING SUCH AS PRODUCT COVERAGE, STABILIZATION, ETC. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE G-77 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POSITION ON COPPER, IS ALSO ENGAGED IN A FULL DEBATE ON WHETHER IT

SHOULD TAKE A STAND OPPOSING IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF COMMODITY BODIES OUTSIDE UNCTAD ON THE PREMISE THIS IS
INCOMPATIBLE WITH 93(IV). VANDEN HEUVEL

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